



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 14, 2006

H.R. 4132 **Law Enhancement Cooperation Act of 2005**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on July 12, 2006

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4132 would have no significant cost to the federal government. Enacting the bill could affect direct spending and revenues, but CBO estimates that any such effects would not be significant. H.R. 4132 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no direct costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 4132 would establish a new federal crime for the failure of Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) employees to inform state and local law enforcement officials about certain crimes committed in their jurisdictions. Because the bill would establish a new offense, the government would be able to pursue cases that it otherwise would not be able to prosecute. We expect that H.R. 4132 would apply to a relatively small number of offenders (i.e., certain FBI employees), however, so any increase in costs for law enforcement, court proceedings, or prison operations would not be significant. Any such costs would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Because those prosecuted and convicted under H.R. 4132 could be subject to criminal fines, the federal government might collect additional fines if the legislation is enacted. Criminal fines are recorded as revenues, then deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and later spent. CBO expects that any additional revenues and direct spending would not be significant because of the small number of cases likely to be affected.

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